

Barney's Gulf Rated #1

By BRENDAN BURCHILL

On March 21 in an award ceremony at "Barney's Gulf" gas station, employees received the Volta Oil Company for Excellence in Customer Service as well as a prize. Barney's was one of 9 Volta stations in the region that received the award. Over a 3-month period the station was observed by anonymous Volta inspectors. Barney's Gulf consistently improved under management of Bob Annis and finished at 85.7% points; beating the runner up, Dean St. Texaco, by 1.5%. Besides being awarded for excellent customer service, the staff at Barney's Gulf also made improvements to the exterior as well as to the interior office.

"We're always trying to please our customers as much as possible while at the same time providing friendly service that doesn't have come to expect from Barney's employees," said Myles McLaughlin.



Myles McLaughlin



Brendan Burchill, who is also the host of the "Ba Ba Burchill Show" on Channel 28, said, "I would like to acknowledge my manager, Bob Annis, for creating an atmosphere of understanding and respect. I am dedicating this award to all of the former employees here at Barney's Gulf. Men like Tom Murray, Kip Noble, Steve McEllan, Ric Tomasi and others who gave their blood, sweat and tears as petroleum transfer technicians. It is on

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their behalf that I accept this award and I vow to keep the tradition of excellence alive here at Barney's.

"I would also like to thank E.A. Bernard (Barney) and I think the purple dinosaur also had a hand in our victory!"



Colin Nolan

Ken Osbourne, the newest member of the staff, also was there to receive the award. He said, "Barney's is a great place to work and I hope I can contribute to another victory in May!"

Jim Garret presented the trophy and a generous bonus of \$233 for each

Employee Colin Nolan said, "I would like to thank Brendan Burchill and Myles McLaughlin for teaching me the ropes. I'd especially like to thank Bob A and Mr. Garret for his generous cash award. I really needed it! Last month I was trying out a \$500 snowboard and it was stolen. Now I have to pay for it.



Ken Osbourne



Jim Garret If everything goes according to plan, and new pumps are installed this spring, Barney's will not only be heralded for their great service. The customers will also have 2 more choices of octane levels to choose from, guaranteeing customer satisfaction.

of the attendants responsible for the recognition. He said, "I am very proud of their work and hope to add to the good news this spring if we can get the town's OK to start building new pumps with 5 octane levels where the Gulf sign stands."

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Taxpayer Issues Corner

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Alden Library Project: What is a "Contingent" Vote?

The Article for Town Meeting request \$3.0 million from the town's debt service budget; however, the Library Article also contains the contingent provision, a requirement that permits this expenditure and continuation of the project only if the library trustees are successful in obtaining stipulated funds from other sources: \$2,185,000 State Library Construction Fund, Mass. Board of Library Commissioners; \$940,000 private contributions; \$200,000 Federal Construction Funds (already received approval).

This requirement provides voters with the assurances that the cost borne by the town is capped at \$3.0 million and that if these additional revenues are not secured, that the project will not continue. The Library Expansion Committee states a case for the town obtaining a \$6.3 million building for a town incurred cost of \$3.0 million.

We invite taxpayers comment: The Duxbury Taxpayers Assn. Inc., PO Box 1888, Duxbury, MA 02331



South Shore Natural Science Center

Trails at South Shore Science Center, Jacobs Lane, Norwell, are open dawn to dusk; center hours are 9:30-4:30, Tuesday-Saturday, and 12:30-4:30 on Sundays. For information or to register for the following activities call 659-2559.

Lecture: Brad Barr, director of the Stellwagen Marine Sanctuary, will speak at the Water Watchers' Forum sponsored by the North and South Rivers Watershed Assn and South Shore Natural Science Center on March 15, 7:30 pm.

Herbscaping Course with Darlene Beauvais, owner of Church Hill Herbary, will be held March 22 and April 26. 3:30-5. For fee information and pre-

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